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SUBJ: HIM/NIMEIRI VISIT POPE -DO ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROME?

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1. FOLLOWING ALGIERS SUMMIT, PRESIDENT NIMEIRI REPORTED
BY ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR ABDOU TO BE CONSIDERING SECOND MEETING
WITH HIM IN ADDIS BY END THIS WEEK. ACCORDING ABDOU,
NIMEIRI ALSO EXPECTED VISIT LUSAKA IN EFFORT ENLIST
PRESIDENT KAUNDA IN HIM/NIMEIRI APPROACH TO POPE RE JERUSALEM.

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ABDOU DESCRIBED KAUNDA AS CATHOLIC HIGHLY REGARDED BY POPE.

HE SAID VATICAN HAD NOW BEEN APPRISED COMING VISIT
"INDIRECTLY" THROUGH ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR ROME.

2. MEANWHILE, SAUDI ENTREPRENEUR ADNAN KASHOGGI (WHOSE TRIAD
CORP INVOLVED IN NUMBER MAJOR DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES HERE-
KHARTOUM 2181) ARRIVED KHARTOUM NOV 29
IN HIS OWN JET WITH NUMBER JOURNALISTS, INCLUDING "TIME"
BUREAU CHIEF PRAGER, AND ASSORTED CAMP FOLLOWERS.
PRAGER TOLD AMBASSADOR KASHOGGI HAD APPARENTLY HOPED FLY NIMEIRI
TO SEE KAUNDA (AND PERHAPS NYERERE), BUT NIMEIRI HAD SAID
COULD NOT GET AWAY FOR SEVERAL DAYS. IN RESPONSE PRAGER'S
QUESTION, PRESIDENT HAD SAID APPROACH TO POPE WOULD
BE GENERALIZED SINCE SPECIFICS JERUSALEM ISSUE
INVOLVE WISHES PALESTINIANS. NIMEIRI HOPED VATICAN
MEETING WUULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE YEAR'S END.

3. WE UNDERSTAND FONMIN MANSOUR KHALID DEPARTING
FOR ADDIS DEC. 4. WHILE HE EXPECTED ATTEND PRIVATELY SPON-
SORED AFRICAN DIALOGUE MEETING, HIS TRIP WILL ALSO PROVIDE
OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS HIM/NIMEIRI VATICAN VISIT WITH GOE.

4. COMMENT: WHILE KASHOGGI VISIT IN PART CONECTED HIS ON-
GOING PROJECTS HERE, INCLUSION NEWSMEN AND TALK OF KAUNDA
TRIP SUGGESTS IT MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN TIMED TO FOSTER PENDING
AFRICAN INITIATIVE WITH POPE ON JERUSALEM.

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